GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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Kidney Racket
Subbareddy Shri Yerram Venkata

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the Government has taken note of rampant kidney racket being operational in the country, if so, the details thereof indicating the cases registered, prosecution initiated and conviction made in this regard during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise; and

(b) whether the Government has investigated the role being played by the doctors in the said racket, if so, the details thereof along with the corrective steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

(a) & (b): Health is a State subject and steps for prevention and control of any such racket are required to be taken by the State Governments. Whenever a complaint is brought to the notice of Department of Health and Family Welfare, the same is forwarded to States concerned for action. Details of such cases are, however not maintained centrally.

The Transplantation of Human Organs and Tissues Act, 1994 (as amended in 2011) has a provision for imprisonment upto 10 years and fine upto Rs. One Crore for commercial dealings in human organs. The Amendment Act has come into force with effect from 10-01-2014 in the States of Himachal Pradesh, Goa and West Bengal. It has, subsequently also been adopted by the States of Sikkim, Manipur and Rajasthan. The enforcement of the provisions of the Act will, however, have to be ensured by the State Governments.

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